

## WEATHER

### SUNNY

High: 77  
Low: 55

## TO OUR READERS

Friday is the last day to add a class and is also the final day instructors are able to drop students who have not attended the first weeks of school.

## OPINION



**'Oz-mosis'** spells out the now-official rules of the classroom for those who just don't get it.



**'My Journal'** discusses the will to live in light of the recent tragedy in New York and the nation's capital.

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Foreign flick **"Cure"** is a pathetic attempt at a psychological thriller. Viewers should heed warning and not expect much.

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The women's soccer team lost 5-2 to the Oregon Ducks on Tuesday night at Spartan Stadium.

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President Robert Caret is still upset about SJSU's postponed game against the University of Nevada Wolfpack. The game was rescheduled to 3:30 p.m. on Nov. 10 at Spartan Stadium.

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Kimberly Noble from the Spartan women's volleyball team

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# Davis tries to minimize student debt

By Hillary Cargo

DAILY STAFF WRITER

They prey on vulnerable students.

They lure students in with free goodies, and before you know it, you're hooked — to credit cards, that is.

"They don't care about our

futures," said senior Paula Shi, describing her feelings about credit card companies. "They are kind of tricking us."

You won't see them at San Jose State University with their gimmicks anymore.

Last week, Governor Davis signed AB 521, a bill "intended to reduce the amount of debt

accrued by college students and educate them on the pitfalls of excessive credit card debt," according to a California Legislature press release.

"It's tempting when credit cards are shoved in your face," spokesman for the governor Roger Salazar said. "Our hope is that this will help to make sure

that students aren't preyed upon by financial institutions."

SJSU President Robert Caret said he doesn't necessarily agree with the bill, however.

According to Caret, the university shouldn't play the role of parents for its students.

Caret said he would prefer the adults on campus to be

treated as such.

"I would rather have credit card companies come and let students make their own decisions as adults," Caret said.

Shi disagreed.

"Freshman aren't experienced enough to know what a credit card can do them," Shi said. "At first it's convenient,

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# Sikhs also a target

By Kemberly Gong

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Recent killings, hate speech and action against those believed to be Middle Eastern have also affected Sikhs in the United States.

The religious group is composed of mainly Indians, and many men who practice wear a turban, which has caused them to be mistaken by some as Muslims, said Robbie Singh, a masters student in aerospace engineering.

Although Muslims are not necessarily Middle Eastern, there are still misconceptions.

"People think Sikhs are Middle Eastern," said one student. "But we're from India."

It is a misconception that is having effects throughout the country. Sikh people are also being discriminated against, and various cases of violence have sprung up around the country, according to the Web site [www.sikh.org](http://www.sikh.org).

The most horrific incident to date is the drive-by killing of a Sikh man in Mesa, Ariz. However, the discrimination was not limited to him.

According to the Web site, there have been 320 messages posted on the site chronicling the problems that the Sikh community is facing or actual hate crimes against Sikhs.

Though there have been relatively few concerns on campus about discrimination against students, some Sikh students contend that there is not enough education about the differences between Sikhs and Muslims.

"It shows how many people's hate can be redirected to other people who don't deserve it," said Amanpreet Singh.

Although some students have not suffered any hate crimes, Rasheel Dhillon, a political science major, said her brother was beaten up because he looked Muslim.

"There are people who don't know the difference between the two," she said.

One professor on cam-

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# Donations go to NYC



Linda Ozaki / Daily Staff

In conjunction with KSJS, Grant Quick, a representative from Freddie's Ice Cream, hangs a sign for the donation drive held for the New York City firefighters.

By Chris Giovannetti

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Four drums of ice cream was all it took for the San Jose State

University radio station KSJS 90.5FM to help make a difference in the lives of a handful of people.

At \$1 per scoop, the ice cream

social, held by KSJS in conjunction with Freddie's Ice Cream on Wednesday at the Plaza de Cesar Chavez, was expected to raise little more than \$200 for

fallen members of New York City Fire Department local No. 94.

Three hours later, when the drums were emptied, KSJS found itself with \$610.

"We set it at \$1 a scoop, but if people wanted to donate more, they could," said KSJS promotions director Michelle Robles, who estimated the event drew approximately 150 donors. "We had people dropping \$20 and \$10 bills in the bucket and pretty much everybody standing around was like, 'Wow.' People who donated a lot usually just walked off, not wanting to be recognized or singled out."

In addition to the funds raised by the compact disc giveaway Tuesday, in which KSJS and CD Warehouse distributed CDs to anyone who gave a donation, the station racked up about \$750.

Also available at the event was a guest book in which patrons were allowed to sign their names or write a message to the victims or their families.

"It's really cool that we're on the other side of the continent and we can still do something to support people in New York," said junior Martin Cerner. "I also thought it was a really good and unique cause. (The firefighters) were a group that sounds like they did a lot of good after the attacks but they didn't get a lot of credit."

Robles said she plans to send

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# Speaker cancels SJSU lecture after terrorism in hometown

Sarah Grace Ruf

DAILY STAFF WRITER

As Francine Prose and her husband prepared to board an American Airlines plane destined for California last Tuesday, startling reports about a tragedy at the World Trade Center grounded all planes and emptied the airport of all prospective travelers.

Hours later, Prose finally made her way home to Manhattan, four blocks from the scene of the two deadly plane crashes.

"You can't go out of your house without seeing the faces of the dead," Prose said. "You can't go out for a minute

without thinking it didn't happen."

Prose was scheduled to do a book reading and a question-and-answer session at San Jose State University today, but decided not to attempt traveling after Tuesday's events, said Beth Anstandig, the director for the Center for Literary Arts.

Prose was one of the authors chosen for the major author series this semester, which brings authors to San Jose State University for readings and conversation series, Anstandig said.

"I was really looking forward to coming out to California," Prose said.

According to Anstandig, Prose was also scheduled for other Bay Area readings.

Prose has written more than 12 books and is a contributor to "Harpers Magazine" and the "New York Times."

Her latest book, "Blue Angel," is a National Book Award finalist and a national best seller, Prose said.

Prose said she was planning to read from "Blue Angel," which takes place on a college campus and tells the story of a love affair between a professor and a student.

Anstandig said she was anticipating an attendance of about 1,000 people at the book reading, which was supposed to

be followed by a signing.

"A lot of students in the English department and creative arts and humanities are required to attend," Anstandig said.

Prose was also scheduled to attend a meeting with the students from the English honors seminar, Anstandig said.

The next author appearing at SJSU for the major author series, Mark Doty, is scheduled for Nov. 1.

Although Prose is not scheduled to return to SJSU this year, both she and Anstandig said they hope she can come to California soon.

"I still intend on coming back," Prose said.

# Cheering and leading

By Tiffani Analla

DAILY SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The sun is slowly disappearing into the gray and white sky on a brisk Sunday evening. And the day is ending.

But for the Spartan spirit squad, practice is just beginning.

The squad's captain, Jill Hernandez, is dressed in dark blue sweat pants and a light gray sweatshirt. She mingles amongst teammates.

The practice moves from outside the Event Center at San Jose State University to inside the Spartan Complex, for stretching to loosen limbs.

Practice begins. Several teammates encircle a squad member.

Hernandez instructs them to hoist her into the air. Several times

she's dropped.

Pairs of arms catch her before she touches the mat.

Again and again, the routine repeats.

Before she is successfully launched into the air, with her left leg lifted above her waistline and her right fist thrust into the air, another member is smacked in the face when her teammate is nearly dropped.

Although mistakes are made, Hernandez doesn't yell.

She instructs.

She cautions.

She advises.

"She tells us, 'I'm a person, I still make mistakes. I'm not perfect,'" said second-year squad member Theresa Chavez. "Just because she's the captain of the team, she doesn't expect people to conform to her. And

she knows she makes mistakes, and that's why people respect her."

Hernandez isn't one to make others feel out of place either.

Rather, Hernandez will do what it takes for the team to thrive, Chavez said.

"She's a really good leader and she thinks about what's good for the team," Chavez said. "And she never thinks about what's best for herself."

Because the spirit squad does its own fund-raising, Hernandez wrote a letter to the Spartan Shops asking for donations last season. Spartan Shops donated a T-shirt to the team.

This season Hernandez wrote a second letter.

Spartan Shops responded by giving each cheerleader a T-shirt and a sweatshirt for each day of the four-

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## The eye of the beholder...



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Anita Lee, a fine arts major, works on her perspective during a representational drawing class Tuesday.



## Viewpoints

## 'War is just beginning' — bin Laden's death a fuse

As I read the news story about the San Jose State University students wearing the "Wanted: Dead" Osama bin Laden T-Shirts in the online version of the Sept. 17 edition of the Daily, I wondered if those Scott DeCarlo and Kristina D'Amore - two students quoted in the piece - really knew what type of implications killing Osama bin Laden could hold.

Nineteen hijackers rode planes into buildings Tuesday. They were not afraid to die. News reports from around the world have reported that the hijackers would be rewarded in paradise for their "brave" actions, and that in some cases, their families would be presented some type of monetary awards.

Now, those hijackers are heroes in the eyes of the organization they served and the faction that helped train them. Though not leaders of militant religious groups, the innocent American victims from the planes and subsequent building collapses - from firefighters to office clerks - have mobilized the Sleeping Giant into swift and determined action. The death of Americans has caused students to call for the death of a terrorist and caused President Bush - George W. Bush - to have a popularity rating that rivals FDR's and JFK's. George W. wasn't even technically voted into office by a majority of U.S. voters.

While we are digesting this insane attack on our way of life, in our house, we must ask ourselves this question: Will the death of Osama bin Laden make him any less of a hero?

I for one would be thrilled to watch Osama bin Laden saddle up on an airliner with only his followers on board, and nose dive into the desolate Afghan desert.

But would a surgical strike by U.S. war planes, or an all-out ass-kicking by the world's armed forces make bin Laden a martyr in the eyes of the blinded zealots who defend and follow him?

We know what kind of Sleeping Giant we are, but what kind of focused, determined sympathizers are on U.S. soil, and what type of action will they take when bin Laden is killed?

We know what we want, but we don't know what we will really get when this happens.

Osama bin Laden will die, and soon, to be sure.

This war is just beginning, and we will have to fight enemies with no sense of humanity or mercy, and the death of Osama bin Laden is merely the fuse that lights that bomb.

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## Merits simply not enough

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." — The Pledge of Allegiance

Sound familiar? It's what third graders had to recite in secondary school a century ago. We are now in the dawn of a new age and have witnessed very real changes from the civil rights era to the economic boom of the 1990s.

Mindful of the changing times, one can assert that everyone is viewed equal, right? Wrong. Technicalities of social injustices still exist and are prevalent within American culture.

Affirmative action imposed under President Kennedy in 1963 aimed to grant women and minorities preference in opportunities. Despite incentives used in those programs, Californians voted to overturn affirmative action, claiming that its policy practiced reverse discrimination.

Since the ban on affirmative action, statistics show that in 1997 African American enrollment at the University of California dropped from 3 percent to a little over 2 percent in the previous year. Latino enrollment dropped from 13 percent to 12 percent.

The drop of Asian enrollment is not as alarming as their African American and Latino counterparts. Sadly, some Asian Americans often refuse to specify their racial background on admission applications in fear of preserving the status quo.

After noticing disproportions, the UC Board of Regents reversed the ban in an effort to assure a balance in the admissions policies.

The issue of affirmative action all boils down to this acronym: M&M's. No, not the candy, but money and merits.

No matter how you look at it, merit is synonymous with wealth. How else do we create a divide between the haves and the have-nots? The answer: weed out the less qualified (usually minority) from opportunities of advancement but reserve a spot for the more qualified candidate by judging strictly on the basis of merit.

And what about equality? Since businesses are failing to maintain balances in the workforce, and since universities are making entrance difficult, who is to ensure that everyone has a fair chance to achieve the American dream?

I believe merit should not be the sole criterion considered in education and other opportunities, mainly because individuals with affluent backgrounds are likely to meet specific merits compared with members of the minority group.

In education, minority students who attend lower-achieving schools often have teachers who lack basic teaching credentials. On the other hand, students with affluent backgrounds usually attend highly accredited schools with a fully competent teaching staff.

It's safe to conclude that merit-based policies are racially motivated and are primarily used to distinguish members of the social elite from the afflicted.

To bridge the gap, we must focus on more comprehensive measures (i.e., socioeconomic and demographic statuses). We need to formulate a fairness in the measures between the accomplished and the underqualified. If we do not, we are simply putting a price and a color to achievement. That's not the American way.

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## Be a good student: Shut your mouth

Fellow students, I speak to you today not as a columnist, but as a peer.

I ask you to open your mind and let me creep in for a minute or two (or three, or seven, or 16, depending on how fast you read.)

What's on my mind today is something of importance to the entire campus. It applies to each and every one of us who has ever sat in a desk at San Jose State University.

And it's something that should have been said a long time ago.

Without any further ado, I present the previously-unwritten-yet-now-written rules of the classroom.

This came about after I sat in one of my classes the other day, half-awake, as the teacher babbled able something. Another student raised his hand and asked, "Are we still going to take that quiz we were supposed to take last week?" That little story brings us to ...

Rule No. 1: Under no circumstances is a student to remind a teacher about assignments that are due or scheduled tests.

When I hear, "Are you going to collect the homework?" I wish I could stand up and smack the person who opened his or her mouth and spewed that atrocity.

For those of you who are like this in class: Obviously you studied and paid attention and did your work, Doogie Hower, but don't spoil it for the rest of us.

What you have to understand is that most of the rest of us don't have a clue. It's hard enough to



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keep our eyes open, let alone worry about doing work or taking a test.

We were very content sitting there in a daze, only having to worry about wiping the drool from our lip after five minutes, but you ruined that when you open your mouth.

I realize that you feel you should be recognized for the fact that you are a diligent student, so go ahead and frame your homework. Then when the teacher remembers about the assignment, not only will you be done, but you have a nifty carrying case as well.

The reason for this rule is quite simple. As students we don't have much power. The professors are the ones who control things, and if they're dimwitted enough to forget about something, we should take advantage of it for every minute possible.

So please, I beg you, keep your mouth closed. And as long as you do that, you don't have to worry about ...

Rule No. 2: Shut up.

"TOO BAD YOU'RE NOT IN A GROWTH INDUSTRY, PAL"



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If you've ever raised your hand and said, "I know this has nothing to do with what we're talking about, but ..." then this applies to you. So listen.

I don't care. Really, I don't. I'm sorry.

I know you mom, your dad, your dog, your significant other, and Internet buddies all care a lot more than the other 30 people in the class. So tell them.

I doubt a philosophy lecture has much of anything to do with do with that time you went to Great America with your boyfriend and you rode the Grizzly and you won a stuffed bear.

I paid my thousand bucks to sit and stare blankly at the professors and hear them talk, not to hear the inane details of your life.

If I cared that much, I'd write to A&E and ask that they do a "Biography" on you.

Now, if you have a legitimate question to ask or something that applies to what is going on in the class, fine blab away. But don't go off on tangents about your life.

You're only job is to sit there like the rest of us, you can pay attention if you want. Just mind your business and you'll be fine.

Keep that hand out of the air so much and you won't have to worry about ...

Rule No. 3: Don't make the rest of us look bad.

If you have your hand in the air every five minutes, trying to answer every single question, then pay attention. This is for you. What you have to understand

is that a lot of times instructors like to hear themselves talk or they ask questions that don't require an answer.

These are called rhetorical questions.

(If you don't know that by now, please transfer to your local adult education facility and begin work in its soft-drink pouring program.)

I understand that some people know all of the answers. Either they are blessed with an innate knowledge of political science, or they read the entire book front to back already.

Well, the rest of us haven't. Like I said, it's hard enough to stay awake and to have to compete with know-it-alls makes life worse.

So you have to ration your answers.

If you are raising your hand more than seven times in a hour-and-fifteen-minute class, then you either are practicing to become an NFL referee or you're kissing too much teacher booty.

Either way, quit.

I'm sure there are more rules, but this is a good foundation.

The next time you're going to say, "Are you going to collect the homework?" or "I know this has nothing to do with what we're talking about, but ..." stop and think.

If you're about to stick that hand in the air again, just relax for a second.

Consider yourself warned.

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## No. 1 priority needs to be human life

I'd never flown a flag in my life. I can't even think of a time when I've ever celebrated the Fourth of July, let alone Salvadoran independence day.

I don't know what is to be a nationalist.

But somehow here I am flying an American flag, connecting with grieving families and in a humble way honoring the men, women and children whose lives were cut short last Tuesday.

Empty beds. Quiet nights. Aborted dreams.

You can't help wondering about the fight they must have put up to save their lives, and who their last thoughts were for.

At that moment, it doesn't matter what your life may be like. You try to save it, not just for yourself, but also for those that are counting on you.

No, I am not a nationalist. My allegiance is to humanity.

I can't help thinking about Afghans and the anxiety some of them must feel about the imminent destruction in their homeland.

Sure, the media has reassured us in countless ways there's not much to destroy anyway. I still don't understand what makes some people laugh. There's nothing funny in that if you've ever visited a developing country.

It's difficult to build up an economy when neighboring countries and ruling militants occupy your land keeping any smidge of progress down.

Life expectancy at birth is 46 years. Only 15 percent of the women are literate.

Most suffer lack of clothing, housing, food and medical care.

And we're hearing stories of how thousands of Afghans are rushing toward Pakistan's borders, despite that it's closed off and guarded by troops.

The San Jose Mercury news reported that some of them were so desperate to get out they abandoned cars, horses and donkey carts and headed for the mountains between the two countries.

I think they would gladly trade whomever the United States wanted for their lives. They, too, dream big and want a better life.

I only pray that our leaders use good judgment in the decisions they wind up taking.

They know not all enemies are in some far off land.

Some are already here, slipping right through cracks in the

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FBI and the Immigration and Naturalization Services, and those are the ones we should be on the look out for.

We don't need any more destruction. We certainly don't need to see one more death.

It's not so much that I worry about falling bridges, monuments or buildings.

I worry more about diseases such as anthrax, botulism, smallpox and pneumonic plagues. Bioterrorism, they call it.

Things I didn't even think about until Sept. 11. As for what those diseases are, I have no clue.

At least five countries that sponsor international terrorism have the capacity to produce biological weapons. Who's to say that someone isn't already here with these deadly weapons?

No more.

I can only hope our leaders are finding ways to safeguard their people above pride and reputation.

It's actually the people that make a nation great, not the buildings, not its physical beauty. It's the people.

Which brings me to something my mentor told me two days after the terrorist attacks, and so I pass it on to you.

Do not be unsettled, although these are unsettling times.

Do not be dismayed, although these are disarming times.

Do not be confused, although these are confusing times.

Do not fear, although these are fearful times.

Be angry, although not for long.

Be compassionate, forever.

Have faith in this marvelous collective creation we call humankind. It is good. It is kind. It is caring. It is loving.

I'm keeping my fingers crossed.

J.E. Espino is the Spartan Daily Opinion Editor. "My Journal" appears Thursdays.

## Sparta Guide

## Today

## Campus Ministry Chapel

Daily Mass, 12:10 p.m. at the Campus Ministry Chapel, located at 300 South 10th St. For more information, call Sister Marcia at 938-1610.

## Thursday

## Library donations and book sales

Close-out book sale, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the fourth floor, Room 408 in the Clark Library. Most items are 50 percent off. For more information, call the acquisitions department at 924-2705.

## Career Center

Job search workshop, 12:30 p.m. in Building F. For more information, call the Career Resource Center at 924-6033.

## Gamma Zeta Alpha Fraternity

Festivities of 16 de Septiembre with Aztec dancers at noon in the Student Union Amphitheater. For more information, call Guadalupe Ramirez at (831) 840-0990.

## Anemia Film Club

Showing of the French film "The Girl on the Bridge" by Patrice Leconte, 9:30 a.m. in Sweeney Hall, Room 100. For more information, call Elena Korjenovich at 286-8698.

## Campus Crusade for Christ

Night Life, 8 p.m. in Washington Square

Hall, Room 207. For more information, call Sam or Cary at 297-2862.

## Student Life Center

Time management, leadership workshop, 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Costanoan room in the Student Union. For more information, call the Student Life Center at 924-5950.

## sjspirit.org

Outdoor Thursday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Meet at the Campus Ministry on 10th Street. Advanced registration required. Open yourself up with an opportunity to go out-of-doors and into the world of nature. For more information, call chaplain Roger at 605-1687 or visit the Web site sjspirit.org.

## The Listening Hour

Percussion recital: Christopher McLaurin and guests perform solos and duos, 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. from the percussion studio of Professor Galen Lemmon in the Music building, Concert Hall. For more information, call Joan Stubbe at 924-4631.

## India Students Association (ISA)

General meeting, noon to 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Costanoan room in the Student Union. For more information, call Ankur at (510) 508-3564 or Andy at 823-2882.

## Chicano Commencement

Weekly meetings, 7 p.m. in the Afrikaana Center. For more information, call Corina Herrera at 870-5578.

## M.E.Ch.A.

Poetry series, featuring Rudo Revolutionary Front, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Market Cafe. All spoken word, singers and closet poets take this opportunity to share your talent and creativity through word and song. For more information, call Adriana Garcia at 655-6785.

## Student Health Center

Genetic deadly disease screening and planning committee meeting, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Persons interested in helping plan the events for Nov. 14 and 15 are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Dr. Oscar Battle Jr. at 924-6117.

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## Viewpoints

## Columnist's message taken out of context

(In response to Jeff Wucinich's letter to the editor, Tuesday)

I respect your courage and your words, as they greatly soothe my anger.

Nevertheless, with deepest respect, I disagree with what you've written about Karla Gachet's column, "Looking at the terrorist strikes from an outsider's point of view," published Sept. 14.

The tragic event that caused the death of thousands of innocent people because of a small group of terrorists is a catastrophic display of what hatred causes. Those who felt no empathy and expressed their hatred with no compunction are not fellow human beings of ours, regardless of their nationality, status and wealth.

To let terrorists like these fighting for a cause with a declaration of war against any nation is a de facto justification for their despicable acts. None of us want to have such a war, even though we are stunned, outraged and sad.

Terrorists simply cannot fight for any cause, but against humanity. This war requires multilateral efforts; we simply cannot fight alone. Many leaders realize it and caution us. To name a few of them: France's president, Jacques Chirac; Britain's prime minister, Tony Blair; and the state governor, Gray Davis.

Borrowing a notion from my English tutor, I admire America as "a land of freedom and bravery." It is more of a mindset than

anything else. Many of us don't come here for its powerfulness. Those who served this country were not wounded and didn't die for its powerfulness, and the founding fathers didn't come here for its powerfulness. I think America's powerfulness has everything to do with its mindset. Despite your wrongful comment about Gachet's subtext, which you stated as "she scolds the very essence of the things that brought her to this country," I believe she came here primarily for this mindset.

We ought to admire and be thankful to those who fought and died for this country. Yet, only when we truly understand what they served for, are we able to better avenge them by fighting for the same cause as they did.

My understanding of what Gachet wrote is that she simply doesn't want to see a war that doesn't accord to the course of this war, which President Bush defines as a war against terrorism. She's apprehensive that if we rush into a war, dragging innocent people into it, the war will be a blasting nuclear weapon in the targeted country. "Will we then find our peace of mind?"

I share very much with what Gachet wrote, even though I disagree with her comments about politics. American politics is "by the people and for the people," as it is taught in college books.

Hongzhou Yan  
sophomore  
computer engineering

## Police accomplished goals under tight circumstances

Please allow me to respond to a recently published letter to the editor that criticized the university in general and me in particular for not sending out a "reassuring" campus-wide voice mail on Sept. 11, 2001, from the University Police Department to each employee on the campus.

For a number of years I have sent out periodic "public service announcements" dealing with anticipated traffic problems, power outages or other public safety issues. These messages are intended to be of assistance to members of our community and in no way are meant to circumvent the normal flow of communications between managers, supervisors and employees across the campus.

As events unfolded last Tuesday morning, UPD management and administrators from across the campus were in constant communication with one another and with the office of the chancellor, President Caret, the San Jose Police Department and the County Emergency Operations Center.

As decisions were made, they were communicated by division vice presidents to their respective employees via their own organizational communication structure. When the decision was made to cancel classes (this was not an emergency campus evacuation) at San Jose State University, each division had different objectives to accomplish, and individual employees were instructed by their supervisors as to how they were to respond to meet those objectives. Some, but certainly not all, employees were released to leave work. Employees and students were instructed to call 924-SJSU or to visit the San Jose State University Web site regarding the campus' activities for Wednesday, September 12, 2001.

UPD's objective was to facilitate the safe exodus of those thousands of persons who left the campus and to maintain the public safety for those who remained behind. With the help of a number of off-duty UPD employees who volunteered to leave their homes and come to work (and the able assistance of a number of employees from the office of Facilities Development and Operations), we accomplished that goal in a safe and expeditious manner.

I can assure the university community that as the tragic events of last Tuesday unfolded, UPD continuously shared what knowledge we had of the situation with those leaders on whose shoulders rested the responsibility of determining what action the campus should take. That information was shared with the understanding it would flow from manager to supervisor to front-line employee. Along the way, managers and supervisors had decisions to make based upon the information provided and how that information related to their particular mission to the university community.

It is imperative that employees look to their managers for direction when they have questions about any work-site issue. I can also assure the community that the UPD will continue to share as much information in as many ways as is possible (see our Web site at [www.sjsu.edu/police](http://www.sjsu.edu/police) to learn more), but it has never been our intent to replace the dynamic interpersonal dialogue of the work-site with an electronic substitute.

Bruce Lowe  
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San Jose State University  
Police Department

## Safeguarding U.S. begins with admitting errors

Seeing that Karla Gachet has been taking a lot of heat for her editorial in the Sept. 14 Daily, I reread her editorial. I do not agree that she has played into the hands of the terrorists, nor certainly that she is justifying the attacks. I think she makes a valid and worthwhile point, and her only possible transgression is in the timing.

So let me say first that, like every American, my heart goes out to all the victims and their families. We are truly a nation

united in our shock, outrage and grief over their and our loss. And this is not a time to continue the partisan and barely cordial political discourse which we ordinarily engage in.

Still, we have to think intelligently about how to prevent such attacks in the future if we can, and that requires that we try to assess, understand and abate the hatred that lies behind them. To do that, I think we will need an unprecedented level of honesty, to ourselves and to the world, concerning the his-

tory of our nation's foreign policies. We need to come clean to the people who lived under the Shah in the 50's, or under Pinochet in the 70's, or under other repressive regimes put in place by our own government (without our consent nor usually our knowledge) during the Cold War. I think it is time to talk about making reparations to the societies that suffered under these regimes. And most importantly, we need to give the world some kind of genuine assurance that we no longer overthrow

democratically elected governments whose ideologies lie too far to the left of ours.

I emphasize that my purpose here is not to bash our country, but to move toward safeguarding it. And to my fellow American Karla Gachet, I'm glad you're here, and I appreciate your comments.

Brian Peterson  
professor  
math/computer science  
department

## Cross-country team clears record about past captain

The article covering the men's cross-country team that ran in the sports section Sept. 7 is in need of some clarification and correction.

The story gives a tension to last year's team that simply did not exist. The sense that my team and I got from the story was that Trevor and the rest of the team were at each other's throats and segregated. The article quotes Will Crane as saying, "The team's chemistry has improved since the departure of (Trevor) Marca, because not everyone got along with him."

I cannot be quoted as saying that the team's chemistry has improved since his departure. I can be quoted as saying that not everyone got along with Trevor because not everyone did. Trevor did not disrupt or make the chemistry on the team volatile. It was quite the contrary — Trevor set the standard for team captains.

Trevor Marca changed my

running career and that of many others on the team. Is the team hurt by the loss of Marca? You bet it is. Trevor was an outstanding runner and leader of our team. He gave 100 percent every day he was here, and he expected the rest of us to give as much as he was giving to the team.

Most did, but some did not, and Trevor let them know it. It was not pleasant, but it held us together because all of us were then giving 100 percent.

I am here at San Jose State University and am leading the team because of Trevor. The cross-country team of last year was in no way portrayed in an accurate way in the article. We do expect to have a better season and finish better at the Western Athletic Conference meet than last year, but it certainly is not because Trevor Marca is gone.

Will Crane  
junior  
business marketing

## National tragedy results from disobedience to God, reader says

As we are brutally faced with the realities of a national tragedy, many consider the deeper questions of philosophy and religion. Foremost among these is: How can evil exist in a universe created and governed by an omnipotent, benevolent God?

The atheists answer by saying: If evil exists, which it does, then there is no omnipotent, benevolent God. On the other hand, many theists will say: Evil exists, and if God exists, he must be either limited in his power or arbitrary in his moral character. This is the argument of many professing Christians and other religious individuals who espouse a non-biblical view of God.

I present to you another viewpoint: Evil exists in the universe of an omnipotent, benevolent God, who is completely sovereign

over it and uses it for his own glory and highest good.

"What are you saying, that God has power over evil?" you ask.

I'm saying exactly that. If God does not have power over evil, then the other alternative is that evil has power over God. Take your pick. I would rather have an all-powerful God than one who bows to an evil force.

God is absolutely sovereign over all things, even evil, and uses such things for his purpose and glory. This is a scriptural fact: "I form the light and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the Lord do all these things." (Isa. 45:7).

God had power over the attacks on Sept. 11. We must ask: Why did God ordain this national tragedy to occur? It can only be seen as his righteous judgment upon a

wicked and sinful nation.

We all stand guilty before him — whether we're homosexual or heterosexual, white-collar or blue-collar, religious or non-religious.

Unless we rest in Christ as Lord of our lives, and seek his word as the ultimate authority, then we remain in disobedience to him, and will be damned. Wake up America; turn from your sin and repent, lest God be pleased to pour out further judgment upon us.

Christiana Norris  
senior  
nutritional science

## Government candidates lack maturity

The candidates for Joe West Hall government must think we're all idiots.

Why do I think this? Take an elevator to any floor and you'll see. "Vote Kiddo for prez," "Caroline for historian ... Vote 4 me please! Vote Humad," "Eric the vice president," and "Free love and Brandi Lyn for Hall President."

Apparently these people think that we are so uneducated that we will do something if we are told to do it enough times. I searched the third through 12th floor of Joe West Hall and did not find a single poster that contained anything other than the word "vote" and the candidate's name. I feel insulted.

With all the blank space on most of the posters, how about adding the candidate's major, GPA, political affiliation, leadership experience and other qualifications? They will easily fit on a single sheet of paper that doesn't insult the eyes with tacky one-liners and repeated pointless slogans.

Has our election system at San Jose State University been reduced to a contest of popularity and whoever has the most poster paper and glitter?

My message to the political candidates is to either give us the information and let us make our own choices, or go smear your political feces somewhere where we don't live.

Robert "Click" Patrician  
junior  
journalism

## Israel called a victim of terrorist acts

Isn't it ironic that the United States, which has condemned Israel for its state-sponsored assassinations of terrorists, now is considering the same thing because we were the victims of terrorism this time?

This is hypocrisy, plain and simple. Israel has the right to defend its God-given covenant land against Palestinian terrorists who in documented instances have killed Israeli

youth, sent a sniper after an Israeli infant and blew up an Israeli school bus.

As the United States prepares to fight terrorism, it must not stop Israel from doing the same.

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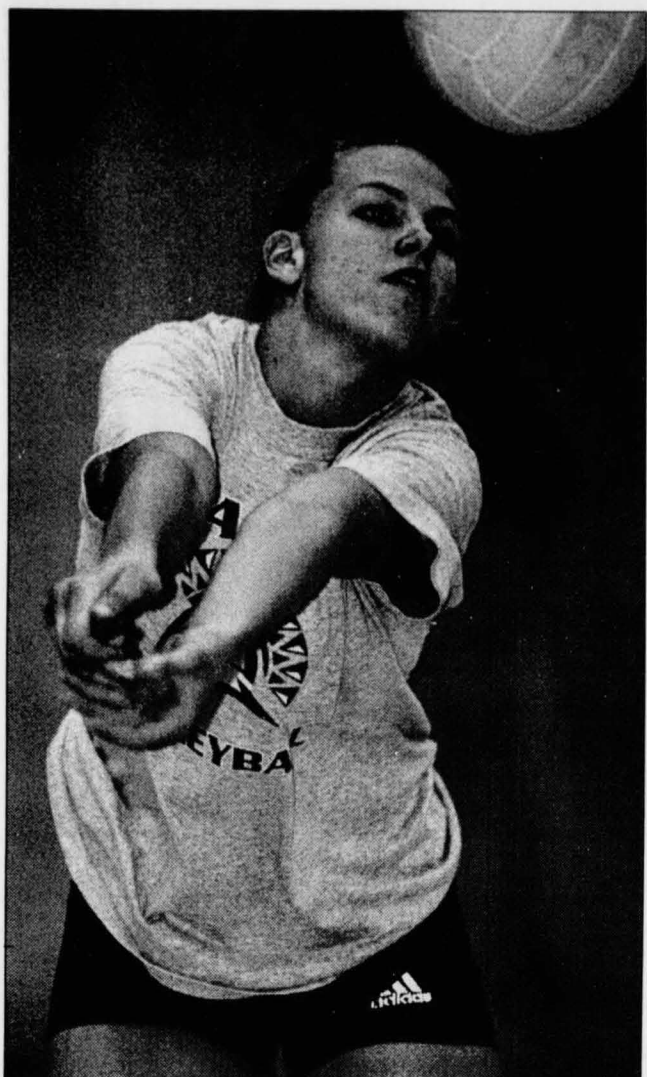






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**Kimberly Noble**, a San Jose State University volleyball player, practices at Spartan Complex Central on Tuesday afternoon.

## A 'Noble' Spartan

Noble enters the limelight for volleyball team this season

By Marcus R. Fuller

DAILY SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Three years ago, Kimberly Noble decided to take a different path to her athletic dreams.

Different from her two older sisters who played in high school. Different from her 6-foot-5-inch father who played at Brigham Young University with NBA great Danny Ainge.

Basketball was familiar ground for Noble, who played on the varsity squad as a freshman, but she wanted to score with service aces instead of three pointers.

"I was the only volleyball girl in the family. I thought I would have a better chance to earn a scholarship," said the Spartan outside hitter. "It's really hard to get a scholarship in basketball. I love both sports the same but I thought ... I would excel more in volleyball."

All of the hitting and passing skills came easy. In her second year playing for San Clemente High in San Juan Capistrano, she led the team to a Central Interscholastic Federation play-off berth while earning league MVP honors.

"I was considered a leader. It was the first time we won league,

and we made it all the way to CIF. It was fun," Noble said.

Despite being one of Orange County's top players, local colleges weren't offering her a starting position.

Cal State Fullerton told her to walk on but that would only impede her progress.

San Jose State University head coach Craig Choate gave her what she wanted — a shot at playing time.

"He was the first one at my door step," Noble said. "I heard they (Spartans) had a good program, and he made me feel comfortable. He told me I had a chance at starting."

Noble had never been to Northern California, but she wasn't the only freshman on the Spartan volleyball team. Liz Hudson was also nearly 400 miles away from home.

After signing with SJSU, Noble met the 6-foot-1-inch middle blocker from nearby Fountain Valley High, and they quickly bonded.

"We were out dancing one night at the same place, and once we saw one another, we just started talking," Hudson said. "We already knew each other from club ball."

Both players had butterflies during their first college-level match, which resulted in a five-game victory at the Event Center against Arizona State University.

"We kind of help each other out in situations when we're scared or nervous," Noble said. "In our first game, I remember going up and asking her, 'Liz, are your legs shaking?' We won though, so it was fun. It was the first game where we went all out

and we had nothing to lose."

Noble and Hudson each went on to earn a spot on the Western Athletic Conference All-Freshman team.

Noble had 320 kills last year, 10 more kills than her teammate Joslynn Gallopp, 2000 WAC Player of the Year, did as a freshman.

Choate, who said he's never seen a better performance on the outside for a freshman, compared Noble to former Spartan Paola Paz-Soldan, who set the school record for most kills in a single match with 38 against BYU in 1994.

"Both were extremely powerful hitters on the outside," Choate said. "I've always had high hopes for Kimmy ... She has a very outstanding future ahead of her."

With Gallopp strolling the sidelines as an assistant coach this season, Noble has become the Spartans' kill leader. She ranks second in the conference with an average of 4.25 per game through nine matches.

Senior Savannah Smith said she can count on Noble to make her look good.

"It's easy to set to her because she's such a strong hitter, she always puts it away," Smith said. "She gets to the ball wherever I set it. It doesn't have to be perfect."

Although she receives most of the attention for her hitting prowess, Noble's improvement in another facet turned some heads at a tournament in San Diego.

Noble, who leads the conference in service aces with 26, set a school record with nine aces in a loss against No. 14 Minnesota.

**"It's easy to set to (Noble) because she's such a strong hitter, she always puts it away."**

— Savannah Smith, teammate

"Her jump serve has improved tremendously," Choate said. "She always had it. It was only a matter of being consistent. She's off to a good start. She already has more aces than she did last year (21)."

On the court, Noble gets into rhythm by sending kills and aces plummeting to opponent's feet. Off the court, she gets hyped while stepping to hip-hop from Missy Elliot and Jay Z.

Her love for music and playful demeanor helps everyone keep a level head.

"She likes having fun, jumping up and down. It helps us play better," Smith said.

As a junior in high school, Noble didn't know whether volleyball would lead her to her dreams of becoming an All-American.

Now she hopes to continue to show her younger brother that he's going in the right direction.

"His situation was the same as mine," Noble said. "There are so many people trying to earn a scholarship playing hoops, volleyball is the easier way out. I'm teaching him everything that I've learned, and hopefully, he will follow in my footsteps."

## Ducks look mighty against SJSU

Women's soccer team now 1-3 after 5-2 loss Tuesday night

By Chris Giovannetti

DAILY STAFF WRITER

With dashing quickness, deft play in front of the net — and plenty of shots on goal — the University of Oregon women's soccer team blew out San Jose State University 5-2 Tuesday night.

Oregon outshot the Spartans just 17-14 at Spartan Stadium, but had 12 shots on goal to SJSU's six and constantly harassed Spartan goalkeepers Eryn Meyer (three goals allowed against two saves) and Trisha Forn (two goals against five shots).

On the other side of the field, Ducks keeper Sarah Peters gave up her season high in goals allowed but recorded four saves in dispatching the Spartans.

San Jose dropped to 1-3-0 on the

season.

It was the first match since the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

The Spartans are scheduled to host UC-Santa Barbara at 7:30 p.m. today at Spartan Stadium.

The Ducks improved to 2-1-1 and snapped their 10-match road-losing streak, which began Oct. 24, 1999, in a 1-0 loss to Washington.

SJSU coach Tamie Grimes said she thought her Spartans were out of sync.

"We should have come out fresher and been more ready to play," Grimes said.

"They never dominated the game. They just wanted it more. Their speed and style of play hurt us — they hit the ball long and ran down the field. We never got into a rhythm with their style," she said.

The Spartans unveiled a new offensive formation for Tuesday's game, featuring three forwards instead of two.

SJSU got off four shots in the first 10 minutes, but it was Oregon that drew first blood in the 28th minute as Sarah Denner's shot slid through the hands of Meyer and the loose ball was slammed home by Annie Murphy.

Three minutes later, Chalise

Baysa dribbled into the Spartan penalty box and rocketed a shot past Meyer and into the left corner of the net.

After Oregon's Nicole Garbin scored in the 38th minute to put the Ducks up 3-0, the Spartans got on the board as Emily New took a pass from Jeane Sunseri, split two defenders, stopped in front of the goal and popped a shot into the top right corner.

"Jeane gave me a nice ball back, a nice setup, and I just put it into the far post," New said.

San Jose closed the gap to 3-2 in the 58th minute when Vanessa Afonso picked up the ball on the left side of the goal and put a shot in the top corner.

Oregon head coach Bill Steffen said he was impressed at the Spartans tenacity late in the game.

"The game went back and forth, and I have to give San Jose credit for battling back down 3-0. We scored, and they came right back," said Steffen, whose team was supposed to play at the University of Tennessee last week before the game was cancelled.

Oregon's five goals marked the most it has scored since defeating SJSU 5-3 in last year's season-opener in Eugene.

Spartan forward

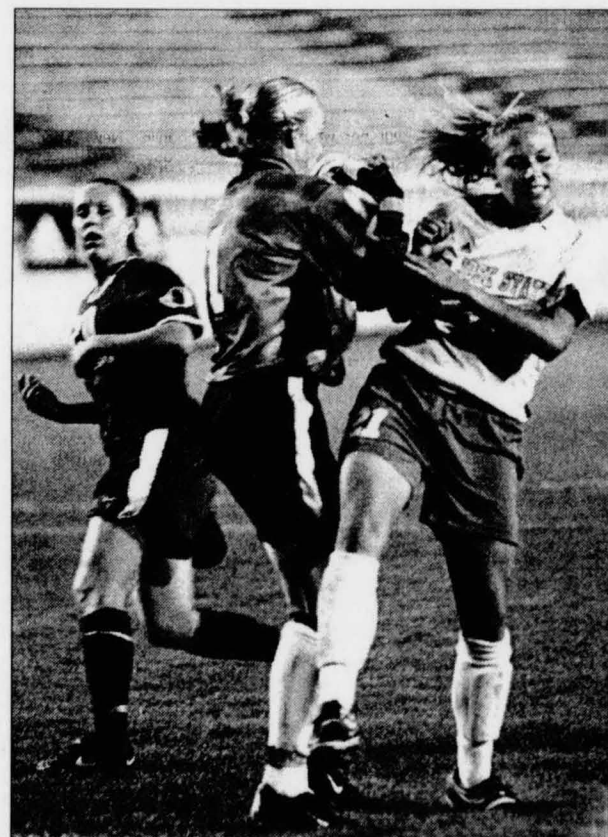
**Alaina Chandler**

collides with Oregon State University goalie Sarah Peters on Tuesday at Spartan Stadium. The Spartans lost the match 5-2 and are 1-3 for the season.

The Spartans, led by Emily New and Vanessa Afonso, had closed the gap to 3-2, but the Ducks managed to score two more goals to secure the victory. Oregon outshot SJSU 17-14, and 12 of the Ducks shots were on goal.

Ben Liebenberg /

Daily Staff



## Raiders, Cowboys reschedule game

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys and Oakland Raiders will play Oct. 7 instead of Oct. 21 in Oakland because the baseball playoffs might need the Coliseum on the later date.

Once baseball officials realized the Oakland Athletics could play a home AL Championship Series game Oct. 21, they asked the NFL to move the Cowboys-Raiders game. Conveniently, both were scheduled to be off on Oct. 7, so the switch wasn't much of a problem.

"I didn't view it as any imposition," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said Wednesday. "Without a question, if we could help this situation out, we wanted to because of the circumstances we're under. It was a relatively logical solution."

Baseball's playoff schedule was set back a week because of the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington that also caused the NFL to postpone last week's games.

"As part of what everybody in sports is doing — and that is moving things around because

of the tragedies of last week — this was something we could do," Jones said.

The change means Dallas will be off after playing five games instead of after three.

"I like open dates later in the season or more toward the middle of the season because that gives you more of a chance to benefit by healing up from any nicks and bruises you may have gotten," Jones said. "You don't anticipate many injuries early, so it's a good break later on."

Jones said the game couldn't be shifted to Dallas because that would've given the Cowboys nine home games and the Raiders only seven.

The move is not unprecedented in the NFL.

It's rare for the Cowboys, though, partly because they don't share their stadium with a baseball team.

The Oct. 7 game will be the third time the Cowboys and Raiders have met since August. They played in the preseason opener in Oakland on Aug. 4, then again on Aug. 27 in Mexico City.



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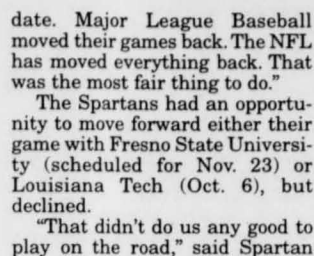
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**By Mike Osegueda**  
DAILY SENIOR STAFF WRITER

"I felt this was unfair," Caret said. "It wasn't a fair assessment of us."



"Being out there six months gave me an appreciation for everything we take for granted," Hill said.

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## SIKHS: the religion has them wear turbans and long beards

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pus also encountered discrimination as he rode the light rail to school. Professor Atamjit Singh, a lecturer who teaches Punjabi language classes at San Jose State University, said he was harassed by a man who mistook him for a Muslim.

"Since I wear a turban and have a beard, the man mistook me for a disciple of Osama bin Laden," he said. "The other people in the car were very understanding, and they explained to him that I had nothing to do with it."

Professor Singh also said the man was very apologetic by the time he exited the light rail.

The professor rides public transportation and had one other incident of similar nature Sunday when someone who rode the bus he was on started screaming profanities at him and his wife.

"He got into the bus and started shouting, 'He's the one. He's one of bin Laden's men. He has a hat like him and a beard.' He screamed, 'Kill him, Kill him,'" Professor Singh said.

He said the man also calmed down after being asked to get off the bus, but the incident still had an effect on him. Although he said he felt safe on campus, he said he does not walk as fearlessly as he used to in other parts of the city.

Some Sikh students said they hope the media will help to eliminate misconceptions about Sikhs.

Rob Sidhu, a junior in the computer science department, questioned the truthfulness of the media.

"The media didn't report the incident where the man on the train was pulled off and questioned," he said, referring to the Boston train where 10 men who looked to be Middle Eastern were pulled off and handcuffed while being questioned for an hour and 40 minutes about involvement in terrorist activities.

Three of the men were Sikhs, but it was not well reported in the media, he said. They showed a picture of him, but didn't say what religion he was.

"When people saw him wear-

ing a turban, they probably thought he was a Sikh," said Harpreet Grewal, president of the Sikh Student Association.

According to an article in "the Advocate," Rep. John Cooksey, R-La., said, "If I see someone (who) comes in that's got a diaper on his head and a fan belt wrapped around the diaper on his head, that guy needs to be pulled over." This was in reference to loosened laws on racial profiling.

"I think it's totally racist. If it was a black person, it'd be splashed across the news. Obviously, this is racism and basic ignorance," said SJSU graduate Kiran Klair.

Klair also said it was ridiculous for people to have that much intolerance toward people of other backgrounds.

Some Sikh students on campus said they feel that the attitudes of hatred toward people of other cultures and religions are tearing people apart.

"It's a time for us to be together, but it's separating all of us,"

said Amarjit Gill, a sophomore majoring in management information systems.

Another Sikh student at SJSU said he had been discriminated against while walking in Berkeley.

"People were screaming and calling us names. The media shows a picture of a person with a turban, and they associate it with us," said Robbie Singh.

Singh did say he was not afraid of living in San Jose because it is so diverse and said incidents like these don't happen often. He said many people have Sikh friends and more opportunities for exposure.

"As things settle down, things will go back to normal, but in other parts of the nation, there is still a lot of discrimination and hate crimes," Grewal said.

He also reiterated the comment said by many people who have been subject to racism or are part of a group that is:

"We're here to help, we're not bad guys — we're all Americans."

## CREDIT: AB 521, if passed, may help students avoid debt

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then you get sucked in."

Although he has his debt under control now, senior Michael Randle said "it was like getting free money."

Randle said he got in trouble with credit card debt by learning the hard way.

"The minimum balance never pays off," he said.

Shi said that the balance transfers and 0 percent annual percentage rates (APRs) are what cause her the most credit card grief.

The bill's fact sheet states that the purpose of AB 521 is to "limit the amount of credit available to students until such time that they can develop an income equal to the amount of credit they are advanced."

Current credit card applications allow students to include financial aid as a source of income, according to the bill's fact sheet.

Junior Cesar Venegas said he

thinks the new bill is a good idea.

He signed up for credit cards when he was a college freshman and said, "I went out of control. The bills add up, and you have to work to pay them off, so I felt forced to work when I wanted to concentrate on school."

Senior Mike Pettit said he got in over his head with debt as well.

"Living on borrowed money is like living on borrowed time. I felt like I was always running behind," he said.

Assemblyman Paul Koretz, D-West Hollywood, wrote the bill, which would also "make debt education a mandatory part of campus orientation for new students."

According to Greg Wolcott, coordinator of new student orientation, SJSU is ahead of the game.

"We offer a special interest session as part of orientation," he said. "These sessions cover topics like managing money issues and credit card responsibilities."

The title of one session is called

"You've Got to be Kidding. I Spent That Much?" Wolcott said.

And that's exactly what some students who were signed up with credit companies are saying.

"I'd take a look at the statement and wonder why I had made some of the purchases," Pettit said. "You lose sense of the dollar."

"After a while, you realize that you're spending just because you have the card," Shi said.

Pettit said he thinks that offering a seminar in credit card debt would be a good thing.

"It's not realistic that we'll have time to read the fine print or even understand it," he said.

Debt that has kept students from financial freedom will actively be combated with this bill through credit counseling.

"If anything, the bill would help us by making the special interest sessions mandatory," Wolcott said.

According to spokesman Salazar, the next step for the bill is it to become law on Jan. 1 of next year.

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## Taliban officials may meet with U.S.

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KABUL, Afghanistan — The leader of Afghanistan's ruling Taliban movement said Wednesday his officials were willing to meet with the United States but accused Washington of unfairly vilifying terrorist suspect Osama bin Laden.

Mullah Mohammed Omar addressed his comments to hundreds of Islamic clerics who met here Wednesday at the Taliban's request to decide the fate of bin Laden and whether to call on Muslims here and abroad to wage holy war against the United States if it attacks Afghanistan.

Despite urgings by Omar that it complete its work, the council of clerics broke up late Wednesday without any agreement. It was to resume its meeting the next day, said Qadratullah Jamal, Taliban's culture and information minister.

In a speech read to the gathering in the war-shattered Presidential Palace, Omar denounced Washington's portrayal of bin Laden's alleged role in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in the United States and its refusal to produce evidence. He called the U.S. actions an effort to harm the Taliban, according to the Afghan Islamic Press, a Pakistan-based Afghan news agency with close ties to the Taliban.

"Osama has denied his involvement. It is unfortunate that America does not listen to us and levels all sorts of charges and threatens military action," Omar said in the speech.

"We have held talks in ... the past with U.S. governments several times, and we are ready for more talks," he said.

But he said: "If America still wants to attack us ... and to destroy the Islamic government of Afghanistan, we want to get the religious decision from you, our respected religious scholars."

The Bush administration rejected the Taliban offer for talks.

"The president has made it clear it's time for actions not negotiations with the Taliban," said White House press secretary Ari Fleischer.

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